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In re Application of :
Cappels, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/160,503 :
Filed: September 24, 1998 :
For: P2267/PA1021 :

This is a decision on the petition renewed under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 30, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the final Office action mailed April 25, 2006. The Office action set a three month shortened statutory period of time for reply. No extensions of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely requested. Notice of Abandonment was mailed March 19, 2007.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

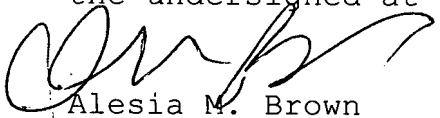
The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the final Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The Notice of Appeal has been entered and made of record. The two-month period for filing an appeal brief (accompanied by the

fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.

This application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2100 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AMB', is written over the printed name of the undersigned.

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